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CHANGE IN THE SYSTEM OF REMUNERATION TO AGENTS.

From: MOSCOW

To: CANBERRA⁽¹⁾

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In connection with the cut [EKONOMIYA] in currency expenditure being made by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs [MININDEL], note the following:

1. Review the arrangement previously established in respect of some of your agents of paying them a monthly remuneration. In all cases, if there are no particularly important reasons for preserving this arrangement - substitute for it a system of ad hoc remuneration, depending upon the value of the work done by the agent. The maintenance of a highly valuable agent network [AGENTURA] and the special allocations [ASSIGNOVKI] for work on [2 groups unrecovered] (recruitment

[70 groups unrecoverable]

send a report on what you have managed to do towards the reduction of currency expenditure.

To systematise accounting for the expenditure of currency:

1. At the end of each quarter (not later than the 5th of the following month) advise by telegram the balance

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and the amount of currency paid out on each separate allocation [ASSIGNMENT].

2. Not later than 15 days before the beginning of each quarter present an estimate of actual currency requirements for the next quarter. [ii]

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Comments: [i] Known to have been sent also to ROYERS, BUENOS AIRES, COPENHAGEN, HAGUE, HAVANA, RIO DE JANEIRO, ROME, SAN FRANCISCO, SANTIAGO, STOCKHOLM, WASHINGTON, and three unidentified outstations on national links.

[ii] Compare messages from NEW YORK to MOSCOW dated 14th December 1944 [S/AF/T527] and from MOSCOW to MONTEVIDEO dated 3th April 1945 and 10th July 1945 [S/AF/T517, Items 1 and 2], which are probably in the first case an estimate of the type referred to above, and in the other two cases MOSCOW's comments on estimates. Note that all three estimates could presumably be of the type which showed monthly monthly remuneration.

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